

2016 DEMOCRATS POSITION CHEAT SHEET

ECONOMY

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Auto Rescue	Voted for the \$14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law). [Associated Press, 12/12/08]	Supported auto rescue as Vice President. Did not vote on the \$14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law). [Associated Press, 12/12/08]	Supported the auto rescue. [Talking Points Memo, 5/7/12]	Voted for the \$14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law). [Associated Press, 12/12/08]		Voted for the \$14 billion auto rescue bill in 2008 (bill did not become law). [Associated Press, 12/12/08]
Dodd-Frank	Opposed weakening Dodd-Frank. [Bloomberg, 1/16/15]	Supported Dodd-Frank as Vice President. [Associated Press, 8/21/12]	Accused other Democrats of supporting "Dodd-Frank lite." [Salon, 3/13/15] Opposed weakening Dodd-Frank. [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, 12/12/14]	Voted for Dodd-Frank. [H.R. 4173, Vote 208, 7/15/10]	Supports Dodd-Frank but thinks it did not go far enough. [MSNBC, 12/12/14]	Voted for Dodd-Frank. [H.R. 4173, Vote 208, 7/15/10]
Minimum Wage	Supports raising the minimum wage. [The Hill, 4/30/14]	Supports raising the minimum wage. [Weekly Address, White House, 3/29/14]	Signed minimum wage increase bill. [Washington Post, 5/5/14]	2012: Introduced bill to raise minimum wage. [WTVR, 7/31/12]	Supports raising the minimum wage. [Office of Senator Warren, 1/7/15]	Supports raising the minimum wage. [Office of Senator Sanders, 2/12/14]
Glass-Steagall						

reinstatement						
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ENVIRONMENT

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Ethanol	Supported ethanol subsidies during 2008 campaign. [New York Times, 2/28/08] Opposed ethanol subsidies until 2006. [New York Times, 2/28/08]			Opposes ethanol subsidies and wants to end them. [WHSV, 11/30/10]		
Keystone	Has not officially weighed in on Keystone. [Washington Post, 6/16/14]	Has not officially weighed in on Keystone. [Politico, 5/9/13]	Opposed Keystone. [Washington Post, 11/17/14]	Voted to approve Keystone in 2012 (bill did not become law.) [S. Amdt. 1537 to S. 1813, Vote 34, 3/8/12]	Voted against approving Keystone in 2014 (bill did not become law.) [S. 2280, Vote 280, 11/18/14]	Voted against approving Keystone in 2014 (bill did not become law.) [S. 2280, Vote 280, 11/18/14] Voted against approving Keystone in 2012 (bill did not become law.) [S. Amdt. 1537 to S. 1813, Vote 34, 3/8/12]
RFS	Supported raising renewable fuels standard to 60 billion	May have advocated for weakening RFS by slashing amount of	Urged the EPA to temporarily waive RFS in 2012. [Associated Press, 8/10/12]	Urged the EPA to temporarily waive RFS in 2012. [Office of Senator Warner,	Urged to EPA not to weaken RFS standards in 2014. [Office of Senator Durbin,	Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which

	<p>gallons/year by 2030 in 2008 campaign. [Platts Oilgram News, 2/25/08]</p> <p>Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 6/21/07]</p> <p>Voted against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 213, 7/29/05]</p>	<p>ethanol that must be blended into gasoline in 2014. [Reuters, 5/12/14]</p> <p>Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 6/21/07]</p> <p>Voted against the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which established the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 213, 7/29/05]</p>		<p>8/9/12]</p> <p>Voted for the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which expanded the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 6/21/07]</p>	<p>1/23/14]</p>	<p>expanded the RFS program. [H.R. 6, Vote 226, 6/21/07]</p>
Wind Tax Credits						
Climate Change						
Offshore drilling						
Fracking						
LNG Exports						

WOMEN

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Abortion						
Hobby Lobby	Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling. [CBS News,	Admitted shortcomings in the ACA's	Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling. [Baltimore		Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling.	Opposed SCOTUS Hobby Lobby ruling. [Office of

	9/19/14]	contraception mandate. [Politico, 3/1/12]	Sun, 6/30/14]		[@elizabethforma, Twitter, 6/30/14]	Senator Sanders, 6/30/14]
Equal Pay	Supports Equal Pay. [Correct the Record, accessed 1/22/15] Introduced 2005 and 2007 Paycheck Fairness Act. [Correct the Record, accessed 1/22/15]	Supports Equal Pay. [C-SPAN, 7/20/10]	Supports Equal Pay. [Huffington Post, 6/8/14]	Voted for cloture on 2012 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.) [S. 3220, Vote 115, 6/5/12]	Voted for cloture on 2014 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.) [S. 2199, Vote 262, 9/15/14]	Voted for cloture on 2014 Paycheck Fairness Act (bill did not become law.) [S. 2199, Vote 262, 9/15/14]
VAWA	Supports VAWA. [New York Times, 4/2/13] 2005 VAWA Reauthorization passed the Senate by unanimous consent. [H.R. 3402, 12/16/05] Bill Clinton signed original VAWA. [White House, 9/17/12]	Sponsored the original VAWA in 1994. Voted for VAWA in 1994. [H.R. 3355, Vote 295, 8/25/94]	Supports VAWA. [@GovernorOMalley, Twitter, 2/28/13]	Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2012 (bill did not become law). [S. 1925, Vote 87, 4/26/12]	Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2013. [S. 47, Vote 19, 2/12/13]	Voted for VAWA reauthorization in 2013. [S. 47, Vote 19, 2/12/13]

LGBT

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Marriage Equality	Said marriage equality is best	Supports marriage	Supports marriage	Said marriage equality is best	Supports marriage	Supports marriage

	done state by state. [Daily Beast, 7/21/14]	equality. [Think Progress, 5/6/12]	equality, signed into law. [Washington Post, 12/6/12]	done state by state. [NBC News, 10/5/14]	equality. [Politico, 3/22/12]	equality. [Office of Senator Sanders, 5/9/12]
ENDA						

EDUCATION

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Class Size	Supports small class sizes. [Philadelphia Inquirer, 10/11/14]	Supports small class sizes. [New York Times, 4/27/07]	Average class size in Maryland dropped from 22 to 20.1 from 2011-2 to 2012-3. [Maryland State Department of Education, 3/27/14]			
Common Core						
Teacher Pay						
NCLB/Standardized Testing						

IMMIGRATION

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Arizona Immigration Law	Opposes Arizona immigration law. [Fox News, 5/2/10]	Opposes Arizona immigration law. [Arizona Republic, 5/2/10]	Opposes the Arizona immigration law. [Baltimore Sun, 7/15/10]		Opposes the Arizona immigration law. [Elizabeth Warren For Senate, 6/25/12]	
DREAM Act	Supports DREAM Act. [CBS, 10/30/14]	Supported DREAM Act as Vice President.	Signed Maryland DREAM Act. [WBAL, 5/10/11]	2010: Voted for the DREAM Act (bill did not	Supports the DREAM Act. [Elizabeth Warren	2010: Voted for the DREAM Act (bill did not

	2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07]	2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07]		become law). [New York Times, H.R. 5281, S. 278, 12/18/10]	For Senate, 6/25/12]	become law). [New York Times, H.R. 5281, S. 278, 12/18/10]
Comprehensive Immigration Reform & Senate bill specifically	2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07]	2007: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07]	Supports comprehensive immigration reform. [Baltimore Sun, 9/11/14]	2007: Voted against comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07]	2013: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 744, Vote 167, 6/27/13]	2007: Voted against comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 1639, Vote 235, 6/28/07] 2013: Voted for comprehensive immigration reform. [S. 744, Vote 167, 6/27/13]
Executive action				Believed immigration action was within presidential powers. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/3/14]		
Approach for handling children at the border						

FOREIGN POLICY

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Iraq (support for going in/comments on withdrawal)	Voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq. [H.J. Res. 114, Vote	Voted to authorize the invasion of Iraq. [H.J. Res. 114, Vote	Opposed the Iraq War. Supported	Opposed entering the Iraq War. [Washington Post, 9/4/02]		

	237, 10/11/02 Said the invasion of Iraq was a mistake. [Fusion, America with Jorge Ramos, 7/29/14]	237, 10/11/02	withdrawal from Iraq. [Washington Post, 12/16/11]	Called for withdrawal from Iraq in 2007. [Daily Press, 3/11/07] Supported withdrawal from Iraq. [James Webb, accessed 1/22/15]		
Afghanistan (support for going in/comments on withdrawal)						
Fight against ISIS			Supports ISIS coalition. [Salon, 3/13/15]			
Libya intervention	Spearheaded the U.S. decision to intervene in Libya. [New York Times, 3/18/11]	Appeared skeptical of the decision to intervene in Libya. [Rolling Stone, 10/13/11]	Appeared not to support U.S intervention to remove Gadhafi. [Salon, 3/13/15]	Opposed unilateral intervention in Libya, specifically citing lack of Congressional approval. [Vox, 3/9/15]		
Benghazi						
Putin						

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

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NSA				Believed bulk data collected on Americans not		

				accused of terrorism or crime should be destroyed. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/3/14]		
Snowden						
Torture Report						
Closing Gitmo						

GUNS

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Guns	Supports universal background checks. [TIME, 6/17/14] Supports assault weapons ban. [CNN, 6/17/14] Supports high capacity magazine ban. [CNN, 6/17/14] 2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law). [S. Amdt. 2637, S. 1805, Vote 24, 3/2/04]	Supports universal background checks. [Biden op-ed, Houston Chronicle, 5/3/13] Supports assault weapons ban. [The Hill, 3/20/13] Supports high capacity magazine ban. [NBC News, 1/24/13] 2004: Voted for renewal of federal assault weapons ban (bill did not become law). [S. Amdt.	Called for federal gun control legislation. [Baltimore Sun, 9/20/13] Signed fingerprinting for handgun purchase law. [NBC, 7/25/14] Signed assault weapons ban law. [NBC, 7/25/14] Signed high capacity magazine ban law. [NBC, 7/25/14]	Opposes gun control. [Bloomberg, 9/7/14] 2009: Voted to repeal DC gun restrictions (bill did not become law). [S.Amdt. 575, S.160, Vote 72, 2/26/09]	2013: Voted for universal background checks (bill did not become law). [S.Amdt. 715, S.649, Vote 97, 4/17/13] 2009: Voted against repeal of DC gun restrictions (bill did not become law). [S.Amdt. 575, S.160, Vote 72, 2/26/09]	2013: Voted for universal background checks (bill did not become law). [S.Amdt. 715, S.649, Vote 97, 4/17/13] 2009: Voted against repeal of DC gun restrictions (bill did not become law). [S.Amdt. 575, S.160, Vote 72, 2/26/09]

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VOTING

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Voter ID						

SPENDING

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Shutdown						
Sequestration						
Defense spending						
Simpson-Bowles						

SENIORS

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Social Security	2007: Opposed cutting benefits. [The Hill, 8/24/14] 2007: Opposed privatization. [The Hill, 8/24/14] 2007: Opposed raising retirement age. [The Hill, 8/24/14]	2012: Promised no change to Social Security. [NBC News, 8/14/12] 2007: Supported committing more of worker's income. [MSNBC, 9/26/07] 2007: Opposed	Supports expanding Social Security benefits. [Salon, 3/13/15] Opposed Social Security cuts. [Washington Post, 8/19/14]	Did not sign letter opposing Social Security cuts as part of deficit grand bargain. [The Hill, 9/20/12]	Supports expanding Social Security benefits. [Politico, 11/18/13]	Opposed Social Security cuts as part of deficit grand bargain. [The Hill, 9/20/12]

	2007: Would consider committing more of workers' income. [The Hill, 8/24/14]	raising retirement age. [MSNBC, 9/26/07]				
Medicare – doc fix, cuts, etc						
COLA						
Means testing SS						

HEALTHCARE

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Medicaid Expansion	Supported Arkansas' public-private Medicaid expansion plan. [Politico, 3/5/14]	Supported Medicaid expansion. [Politico, 1/23/14]	Expanded Medicaid as governor. [Kaiser Family Foundation, 12/17/14]		Supported Medicaid Expansion. [Elizabeth Warren, Facebook, 7/2/14]	Supported Medicaid expansion. [Office of Senator Sanders, accessed 1/26/15]
Obamacare	Supports the ACA but is willing to make adjustments. [CNN, 6/25/14] 2008: Said people must be able to keep pre-reform plans. [Editorial, New York Times, 1/25/08]	Supported ACA as Vice President. [CBS News, 3/21/14]	Supports the ACA. [Martin O'Malley op-ed, Baltimore Sun, 5/3/12]	Supports the ACA but says it needs to be changed. [The Hill, 9/23/14] Voted for ACA. [H.R. 3590, Vote 396, 12/24/09]	Supports the ACA but is willing to make adjustments. [Office of Senator Warren, 1/22/15] Voted for repeal of medical device tax. [S. Amdt. 297, S Con. Res. 8, Vote 47, 3/21/13]	Supports the ACA but believes we need a single-payer system. [Huffington Post, 10/1/13] Voted for ACA. [H.R. 3590, Vote 396, 12/24/09] Voted against repeal of medical device tax. [S. Amdt. 297, S Con. Res. 8, Vote 47, 3/21/13]
Employer mandate						

Public Option						
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FINANCIAL SECTOR

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Wall Street	Said the business community helped end 2013 shutdown. [Boston Globe, 7/27/14]	Criticized opponents of Wall Street reform. [Associated Press, 8/21/12]		Proposed tax on Wall Street bonuses for bailed-out companies. [The Hill, 3/3/10]	Vocal critic of Wall Street. [Politico, 11/11/13]	Vocal critic of Wall Street. [Washington Post, 9/14/14]
Carried interest rule			Supports eliminating carried interest rule. [Salon, 3/13/15]			
Dodd Frank						

TAXES

2016 Dem Position	Hillary Clinton Senator: 2001-2009	Joe Biden Senator: 1973-2009 VP: 2009-	Martin O'Malley Governor: 2007-2014	Jim Webb Senator: 2007-2013	Elizabeth Warren Senator: 2013-	Bernie Sanders Rep.: 1991-2007 Senator: 2007-
Capital gains tax	Supported raising top rate to 20% at most in 2008 (from 15%) [New York Times, 3/13/15]	Reached a deal with McConnell to raise the top rate to 20% in 2013 (from 15%). [New York Times, 1/1/13]	Supported raising the lowest rate on capital gains. [Salon, 3/13/15]	Supported increasing capital gains tax. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/3/14]		
Corporate tax				Supported reducing corporate income tax. [Richmond Times-Dispatch, 12/3/14]		

Bush tax cuts						
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DRUGS

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Marijuana	<p>Neither supports nor opposes medical marijuana. [KPCC Radio, AirTalk, 7/22/14]</p> <p>Neither supports nor opposes recreational marijuana. [KPCC Radio, AirTalk, 7/22/14]</p>	<p>Opposes legalization of marijuana. [Time, 2/6/14]</p>	<p>Signed marijuana decriminalization into law in Maryland. [CBS News, 4/14/14]</p>	<p>Indicated that marijuana legalization should be on the table as part of criminal justice reform. [Huffington Post, 4/27/09]</p>	<p>Supports medical marijuana. [Think Progress, 9/24/12]</p>	<p>Supports medical marijuana. [Time, 3/5/14]</p> <p>Neither supports nor opposes recreational marijuana. [Time, 3/5/14]</p>